

THE INAUGURATION.

To-day, at Springfield, Gov. Fulton and the other state officers are to be inaugurated. The preparations for the inaugural ceremonies have been made on a scale never before equaled in Illinois, companies of military from Quincy, Petersburg, Joliet, Jacksonville, Peoria and Springfield having expressed their intention of being present to participate on the interesting occasion. The inauguration of the Governor, if the programme was carried out took place in the hall of the House of Representatives at 2 o'clock. This evening Gov. Fulton will hold a grand reception at the executive mansion, which will doubtless be filled by the beauty and glory of the state.

The total indebtedness of the state of Illinois is given by State Treasurer Ridgway at \$1,490,000.27. On this amount \$35,000 was due Jan. 1st, 1877. \$1,472,410.29 Jan. 1st 1878, and the balance Jan. 1st, 1879.

According to the report of State Treasurer Ridgway the receipts into the state treasury from Dec. 1st, 1874, to October 1st, 1876, were \$9,262,166.99. Payments during same time \$8,979,717.71. Cash on hand Oct. 1st, 1876, \$2,409,051.21.

Mr. George Alfred Townsend has again turned his attention to Mr. Tilden. He writes regretfully from Washington "I am compelled to say that personal enthusiasm as one of Mr. Tilden's allies is well nigh defunct. He is hardly an object of acquiescence. His apparently ambidextrous and nibbling way of obtaining recognition has not affected the incredulity of the supporters of Mr. Tilden are more dissatisfied than they can at present confess.

E. L. GORDON, of the *Nation*, and George William Curtis, of *Harper's Weekly*, are hanging on the verge of democracy. They would feel better and be more respected if they would speak out plainly in the democratic tongue. The honest damn would be much more respected than is the sly nibbling they constantly indulge in by their darts and darts and darts about the republican party. We are sick of this "running with the hare and barking with the hounds."—*Indianapolis Journal*.

THE SENATORIAL ELECTION.

In reply to numerous inquiries as to the time and manner of electing a United States Senator we publish the following extract from the act of July 23, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of each State which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress, in the place of such Senator so going out of office, in the following manner: Each House shall openly, by viva voce vote of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each house, shall be entered upon the journal of each house by the clerk or secretary thereof, but if either house shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, the fact shall be entered on the journal. At twelve o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the journal of each house shall then be read, and if the same person shall have received a majority of all the votes in each house, such person shall be declared duly elected Senator to represent said State in the Congress of the United States; but if the same person shall not have received a majority of the votes in each house, or if either house shall have failed to take proceedings as required by this act, the joint assembly shall then proceed to choose, by a viva voce vote of each member present, a person for the purpose aforesaid, and a person having a majority of all the votes of the said joint assembly, a majority of all the members elected to both houses being present and voting, shall be declared duly elected; and in case no person shall receive such majority on the first day, the joint assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock, meridian, of each succeeding day during the session of the Legislature, and take at least one vote until a Senator shall be elected.

The election in this State will therefore take place on Tuesday, January 16th—or rather a ballot will be taken in the two houses on that day, and if no choice is had the next ballot will take place on Wednesday, the 17th, in joint convention.

A REFORMER AT WORK.

The anxiety of Mr. William Tilden Pelton, the military secretary and political manager of Samuel Jones Tilden to prevent Mr. Martin, of the firm of Runyan & Martin, from testifying as to the customer was for whom that \$8,000 check had been drawn, is peculiar. Mr. Pelton, whom we would naturally expect to find, both in public and private life, animated by the noblest and most beautiful sentiment, appears to have considered it not incompatible with the duties of a military secretary and professional reformer to engage in conduct which is generally described as tampering with a witness, and the question was, Why did he do it?

The check had been made payable to the firm of Ladd & Bush, of Salem, Oregon. It was an honest transaction, occurring in the ordinary course of business relations, there is no reason why Mr. Pelton should have been uneasy about any testimony that Mr. Martin or Mr. Runyan might give, or as to any reason why these gentlemen should refuse to give the name of their customer. But they display a most unaccountable reluctance to disclose a fact which can easily be forced from them, and Mr. Pelton's uneasiness reached the point of inducing him to set a gentle detective to accompany Mr. Martin to Washington, the mission of the gentle detective being apparently, to find out what Mr. Martin proposed to testify to, and to dissuade Mr. Martin from testifying to any truth which might be disagreeable to Mr. Pelton, or to that important personage who stands in the background behind Mr. Pelton to stimulate his zeal and to reward his energy. It was set down in the eternal fitness of things that the gentle detective that shadowed Mr. Martin should have been very recently the private secretary of ex-Mayor Wickham, after having been more recently the private secretary of ex-President Davis—*per noble transaction*.

We do not know that the eight thousand dollar check which was drawn in New York to the credit of parties in Salem, Oregon, on the day after the election met and put up their little game with the aid of Governor Grover, was designed as slush money to reward Governor Grover for a piece of dirty work which would be poorly paid at any price. We only know that as soon as it was discovered that the existence of the check became known, it was returned, and Gov. Tilden's campaign manager is giving himself a great deal of trouble to prevent anybody from knowing anything about it. He can hardly complain if the popular opinion looks upon his inexplicable interference in this matter, as an attempt to hide a dirty piece of corruption, nor can Gov. Tilden complain if popular opinion holds him responsible for the actions of his political manager. There need be no delicacy about assuming that the slush fund was intended for Gov. Grover, since there was only two "pals" in the job, and the other one has confessed that he drew his pay, \$3,000, before he organized himself as an Electoral College, and prepared to brave the rigors of a month in Washington.

If Mr. Harrison, the ex-Secretary of Jeff. Davis, and Mr. Pelton, the ex-Secretary of Tilden, have any explanation to make of the reasons which induced them to tamper with witnesses and to suppress evidence about the \$8,000 check, we shall be very glad to hear it; but the longer one looks at the case, the less likely it appears to admit of explanation. They make reformers out of queer material now-a-days, and some of the methods of reform have had little savor of honesty in them, but this last revelation rather caps the climax of a long series of outrages. We have had frequent occasion to deplore the unlimited scope of the Congressional dragnet, but it will be some consolation if its coils will close around the active form of Mr. Pelton, and compel him to disclose the ground and meaning of his most suspicious connection with this most suspicious transaction.—*Globe Democrat*.

Times are improving, business is reviving, and the people are taking heart. The banks of this city are receiving larger daily deposits than they have at any time since the panic. Debts are being more promptly paid, and business men are looking up and talking more cheerfully. Gold is dropping slightly day by day, without a corresponding shrinkage in the value of produce. It fell yesterday to 61 in New York, and it really begins to look as if the effects of specie resumption have been discounted in advance. The business world persistently refuses to allow its tranquility to be disturbed by political "bulldozers." With the speedy removal of the blockade on the leading freight lines so that our produce can reach the seaboard and we get the returning value in circulation, money will be abundant and cheap. Now, if congress could by any means be enlightened as to the true condition of affairs, and would give us a rest on the question of who shall count the vote, and all that kind of a thing, and give attention to the revenue and resumption bills, which ten sensible business men could draft and agree upon in ten days, we think prosperity would abound in all the country.—*Ind Journal*.

Go and see the fine display of Candies at J. J. Drake's, 49 Opera Block. Dec. 22-dtf

Elegant new styles Hoopskirts and Panties, especially adapted to the present style of cloaks and other garments, at Linn & Scruggs. Dec 19-d&wtf

Madame Fay's Skirt-supporting Corsets; Moody's Abdominal Corsets, and Bortree's Adjustable Duplex Corsets, very cheap, at Dec 19-d&wtf Linn & Scruggs.

TELEGRAPHIC.

THAT BAR'L.

Evidence of It's Presence in Oregon.

TILDEN'S SECRETARY MIXED UP WITH IT.

More Utterances by the President.

HEAVY SNOW STORM.

The Bennett-May Fiasco.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6.—Gov. Grover testified before the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee today. He knew of no money having been sent to Oregon for election purposes of any sort. He did know that money was raised by subscription by the Chairman of the State Democratic Committee to pay the expenses of the Electoral messenger. There were no arms in the State House or in the private house of witness on the day of the meeting of the Electoral College, or at any time afterwards, does not know Bellinger; was assured from New York that certain parties in the East would be responsible for all necessary expenses in this Electoral matter. It was after the college met that Bellinger collected money for the messenger's expenses; on the morning of the meeting of the Electoral College the witness directed his secretary to draft certificates of Electors and deliver them to the Secretary of State; Judge Dredy introduced the conversation in relation to Watts' case, which took place between the witness and the Judge.

Enos Runyan, of New York, positively declined to give the name of the customer for whom they drew the \$8,000 check, payable to Ladd & Bush, of Oregon. Senator Kernan stated that he, as counsel of the witness and as a member of the Committee before which the witness was testifying, would advise the witness to answer the question.

Senator Morton repeated the question and the witness again declined to answer.

Barton Harrison, in response to a question put to him by Senator Mitchell, testified that he was, during the rebellion, Secretary of Jefferson Davis and for two years, up to last December, Secretary and legal adviser of Mayor Wickham, of New York. Was consulted by Mr. Runyan day before yesterday regarding the subpoena received by him. Had no previous acquaintance with him, but had reason to expect a call from one of them on that day, because a friend in private conversation that day forewarned him.

Senator Morton asked him to state the name of the friend.

Harrison declined to do so, but being pressed by the committee for an answer he stated it was W. T. Pelton, Secretary of the Democratic National Committee. Pelton stated to witness that he (Pelton) did not know why Martin and Runyan had been subpoenaed, and had no knowledge of their business.

Mr. Watts, of Oregon, testified that he resigned his Postmastership on the 13th of November last. He resigned by telegraph to the Postmaster General, and the day following he received a reply that his resignation had been accepted. He made his returns and ended all connection with the Postmastership on the 15th of November. His successor was appointed on the 14th of November.

Mr. Cronin wishing to return home to attend to his private business, was excused from further attendance. The committee will report the Senate Runyan's refusal to answer, and will ask that action will be taken to compel him.

New York, January 6.—Mrs. Charlotte DeForest Egbert, sister of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, died at her residence on Staten Island yesterday of pneumonia. Mrs. Egbert was eighty-five years and seven days old at the time of her death, or about two years older than her brother. She resembled the Commodore very much in disposition and spirit, and was looked upon as a thorough woman of business. She lived on Staten Island all her life, and occupied the home in which she died for the past fifty-five years. Dr. Linsley spoke of the fact as the most remarkable in the annals of medical history that a few moments before Commodore Vanderbilt died he closed his eyes and the lids remained shut after death. Mrs. Egbert died the same thing, closing her eyes a few moments before her death. Her eyes remained tightly closed after death.

ELMIRA, Jan. 7.—The heaviest fall of snow known in this valley for years, fell last night, twelve inches on a level. Railroad traffic is badly interrupted. The roofs of a number of buildings have fallen in from the weight of snow.

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For further information application may be made known to me, at Decatur, aforesaid, by letter. W. EHRMAN, Jan. 8, 1877—dft Provisional Assignee.

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And whereas, it is provided by said deed that if default be made in the payment of said note, when due, upon application of the legal holder thereof, the undersigned trustees may proceed to sell said real estate at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Decatur, in Macon county, in said State of Illinois, having first given notice of said sale in some public newspaper published in said city of Decatur thirty days prior to the day of said sale, and execute a deed of the premises to the purchaser as and to the premises sold.

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